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SUBJ: SUMMARY OF THE SOVIET PRESS FOR MARCH 15, 1975

- 1. U.S.: THE SOVIET CENTRAL PRESS ON MARCH 15 AGAIN OMITTED ANY REFERENCE TO SECRETARY KISSINGER'S MIDDLE EAST TRAVELS. IN OTHER U.S. RELATED NEWS, PRAVDA CARRIES A TASS ITEM FROM WASHINGTON ON PRESIDENT FORD'S WHITE HOUSE MEETING ON MARCH 14 WITH THE SOVIET MINISTER OF FOOD INDUSTRIES AND HIS DELEGATION. TASS REPORTS THE PRESIDENT' ASSERTION THAT BILATERAL TRADE WILL DEVELOP FURTHER AND HIS STRONG COMMITMENT TO THE POLICY OF DETENTE. ANOTHER TASS ITEM IN PRAVDA REPORTS TO INTEREST IN EXPANDING SOVIET-U.S. TRADE VOICED AT A COMMERCE DEPARTMENT-SPONSORED SEMINAR OF AMERICAN BUSINESSMEN IN WASHINGTON. IZVESTIYA'S WASHINGTON CORRESPONDENT KONDRASHOV, IN THE EVENING PAPER OF MARCH 14, WRITES ABOUT JOHN DEAN'S RELEASE FROM PRISON, HIS SPEAKING TOUR AND HIS HIGH EARNINGS FROM THE "BOOM" IN THE SCANDAL BUSINESS.
- 2. MBFR: RED STAR AND PRAVDA CARRY A TASS REPORT FROM VIENNA DESCRIBING DETAILS OF THE WARSAW PACT PROPOSAL OF MARCH 6. THE REPORT CONCLUDES THAT THE FLEXIBILITY EXHIBITED BY THE WARSAW PAC T PROVIDES THE WESTERN PARTICIPANTS WITH THE OPPORTUNITY TO DEMONSTRATE THAT THEY ARE IN FACT INTERESTED IN SUBSTANTIAL REDUCTIONS OF FORCES.
- 3. PORTUGAL. PRAVDA CARRIES TWO LISBON-DATELINED TASS REPORTS ABOUT THE SITUATION IN PORTUGAL. ONE REPORTS THE FIRST MEETING OF THE AFM REVOLUTIONARY COUNCIL. THE SECOND, BY TASS CORRESPONDENT EFREMOV, REPORTS THAT THE COUNCIL ISSUED A DECREE NATIONALIZING BANKS. EFREMOV REPORTS PRESIDENT GOMES' ASSURANCE THAT THE GOVERNMENT'S INVESTIGATION OF TUESDAY'S COUP ATTEMPT WILL BE QUICK BUT NOT SUPERFICIAL. GOMES IS ALSO QUOTED SAYING

THAT THE COUP WAS THE WORK OF "REACTIONARY OFFICERS" AND DID NOT TOUCH THE UNITY OF THE ARMED FORCES MOVEMENT. THE REPORT ALSO TAKES POSITIVE NOTE OF THE MEETING BETWEEN COMMUNIST AND UNCLASSIFIED

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SOCIALIST PARTY LEADERS. A SEPARATE MADRID-DATELINED TASS ITEM REPORTS GENERAL SPINOLA'S DEPARTURE FOR BRAZIL.

4. SOUTHEAST ASIA. PRAVDA REPORTS THE ELECTION OF KUKRIT PRAMOT AS THAILAND'S NEW PRIME MINISTER IN AN ARTICLE BY V. SHURYGIN. THE ARTICLE REPEATS KUKRIT'S SUPPORT FOR THE WITH-DRAWAL OF ALL U.S. FORCES FROM THAILAND WITHIN ONE YEAR, AND FOR CHANGES IN THAILAND'S ANTI-COMMUNIST LAWS. THE ARTICLE

TREATS DEVELOPMENTS IN THAILAND SINCE THE OCTOBER 1973 COUP FAVORABLY, CONTRASTING THIS PERIOD WITH THE ERA OF MILITARY RULE WHICH PRECEDED IT. BUT IT ALSO POINTS OUT THE FRAGILE BALANCE IN THE CURRENT POLITICAL SITUATION. IZVESTIYA CARRIES A COMMENTARY BY S. SKOSYREV ON PEKING'S ALLEGED MANUVERS AGAINST THE INTERESTS OF THE PEOPLES AND COUNTRIES OF SOUTH AND SOUTHEAST ASIA.

UNIDO. IZVESTIYA'S SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT A. BOVIN WRITES ABOUT THE OPENING OF THE UNIDO MEETING IN LIMA, STRESSING MOSCOW'S SUPPORT FOR THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES IN THEIR EFFORTS TO INDUSTRIALIZE FASTER.
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